



## GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY COUNCIL ON AGING

### SOCIAL, HEALTH & ALZHEIMER'S COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES April 3, 2008

#### **Council Members, Liaisons & Committee Participants Present**

Doyle Meredith (Chair), Kati Bates, Bernadine Hoffmann, Bernadette Polley, Linda Anderson, David Besst, Elton Bordenave, Bonnie Danowski, Gwen Dean, , Paulette Fraenkel, Barbara Hill, Marc Katz, Dan Lawler, Allie Masters, Linda Morgan, Anne Morrison, Julie Ngiriye, Kathy Rood, Diana Toussaint, Sherry Verges, Gary Warner, Joan Zecherle

#### **Council Members Not Present**

Lynn Adler

#### **Staff Present**

Melanie Starns, Cathy De Lisa, Dan Plumhoff, Valerie Fifield

#### **Guests Present**

Conni Ingallina (Alzheimer's Research & Prevention Foundation), Raisa Kofman (Advanced Senior Care), Linda Martin (FSL), Allyson Nathan (MDK Consulting), Doug Snyder, Lupe Solis (AARP), Pam Stevenson (AG's Office), Linda Thompson (Life Path Solutions), Sherita Valentine (Beattitudes Center DOAR), Jane Waggoner (Beattitudes Center DOAR)

#### **Call to Order, Welcome, Introductions & Approval of Minutes**

Committee Chair Doyle Meredith called the meeting to order at 2:38 p.m., and a welcome and introduction period followed. Minutes from the March 6, 2008 meeting were reviewed.

*Bernadette Polley made a motion to approve the minutes as written and Bernadine Hoffman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.*

#### **Updates**

##### ***AZ Links***

Ms. Allie Masters of DES Division of Aging and Adult Services (DAAS) provided an update and overview of the AZ Links website, and stated that over 80 representatives from the DES Division of Aging and Adult Services, (DAAS), Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD), as well as AHCCCS, and the Area Agency on Aging (AAA) Region One conducted AZ Links training in Maricopa County for a total of three days in the months of December 2007 and January 2008. This training coincided with representatives in Mojave County also conducting AZ Links training for a total of two days during the same timeframe. Additionally, Ms. Masters noted that the AZ Links reference manual is in the process of being published and posted to both the DAAS and AZ Links resource sites, and she stated that AAA Region One and Mojave County offices will be listed as points of contact for all ALTCS denial letters within Maricopa

and Mojave Counties (respectively). Furthermore, Ms. Masters reported that DAAS is working in concert to develop a Memorandum of Understanding with its partner agencies, and that the IT Department at DES is moving forward towards establishing interactive capabilities for the 2-1-1 database. Ms. Masters then provided the Committee with a statistical overview of the AZ Links monthly reports that are produced by Google Analytical, and a question and answer period followed.

### ***Caregiver Rally***

Sub-Committee Co-Chair David Besst reported that the March 13, 2008 Caregiver Rally was a productive event, and that the event's three objectives of: 1) promoting the Caregiver Pre-conference Intensive at the 2008 Governor's Conference on Aging; 2) generating interest in the coalition and promoting caregivers in general; and 3) promoting the coalition's role as a legislative advocate, were all successfully met. Additionally, Mr. Besst noted that the March 21, 2008 rally debriefing was successful in identifying both the pros and the cons of the Caregiver Rally's event management. Mr. Besst further stated that over 400 caregivers and support professionals who attended the rally have already voiced their interest in attending the 2008 Governor's Conference on Aging based on the registrations received that day. Mr. Besst urged all Social, Health & Alzheimer's Committee members to promote the upcoming Pre-Conference Intensive and overall Conference within their networks.

### **Conference Updates**

Deputy Director Cathy De Lisa provided an overview of 2008 Governor's Conference on Aging, specifically discussing:

- The dates and descriptions of the Pre-conference intensive sessions
- The current excitement generated around the Mature Worker conference track
- All conference tracks and the corresponding keynote speakers for each
- The availability of both electronic and hard copy registration forms, how to obtain them, and the subsequent timeline for submitting the registration forms
- All conference track sessions and deadlines for sponsorship and Community Resource Zone (CRZ) registration

Additionally, Ms. De Lisa noted that the Council's Conference Coordinator, Ms. Karen Freiman will be contacting conference speakers to confirm dates, times and speaker needs. A question and answer period followed. Copies of the 2008 Governor's Conference on Aging Conference brochure and Agenda at a Glance are available through the Council Office.

### **Discussion**

#### ***Falls Prevention Pre-conference***

Sub-Committee Co-Chair Diana Toussaint provided an overview of the Falls Prevention Conference track's confirmed speakers and track sessions, and Ms. De Lisa asked the Falls Prevention Sub-Committee for assistance in obtaining the corresponding music for the conference sessions that include the song references to "Boot Scootin Boogie," "Let's Get Physical," and "Slip Sliding Away."

### ***Caregiving Pre-conference***

Mr. Besst provided an overview of the Caregiving Pre-conference Intensive session, and discussed the session's keynote speaker and set up of the Caregiver Coalition's tables at the session. Furthermore, Mr. Besst noted that the four Caregiver tables will be labeled under the acronym "CARE" (Collaboration, Advocacy, Respite, and Education) in order to allow coalition members to identify which particular focus area they are interested in. Additionally, Mr. Besst noted that the "facilitators" of each table will set that table's agenda, and that these "facilitators" and the session's "organizational leaders" will be identified during the Informal Caregiving Sub-Committee's April 24, 2008 9:00 a.m. teleconference based planning meeting.

### **Other Updates, New Business, & Announcements**

- Ms. Linda Anderson of the City of Phoenix stated that her agency is currently looking for an additional six participants to complete the Master Trainer training offered through the city's Matter of Balance program, and that interested individuals can receive additional information for the April 28 and 29, 2008 training events by contacting her at 602-534-7459, or via email through [linda.anderson@phoenix.gov](mailto:linda.anderson@phoenix.gov).
- Mr. Elton Bordenave mentioned that A.T. Still University's Human Movement Program will host a lecture by Dr. Walter Bortz of Stanford university entitled "Dare to be 100" on April 10, 2008. A copy of the event's informational flyer is available through the Council office.
- Mr. Besst informed the Committee that grandparents and kinship care providers under the age of 55 will now be provided respite through the DES Lifespan Respite program.
- Committee Chair Doyle Meredith mentioned that the Arizona Alzheimer's Consortium 2008 Annual Meeting will be held on Friday, May 30, 2008 at the Renaissance Hotel in Phoenix. A copy of the event's informational flyer is available through the Council office.
- Executive Director Melanie Starns noted that the status of the Falls Prevention grant proposal submitted by Ms. Valerie Fifield to the Virginia G. Piper Charitable Trust (an eighteen month project which would link Falls Prevention with other programs statewide through establishing a Falls Prevention Coalition) is still pending, and that she should have an answer as to whether the grant will be awarded by mid-May, 2008.

### **Action Items**

- The Council Staff will work with Ms. Karen Freiman to ensure that all conference speaker's session dates, times, and needs are finalized.
- The Falls Prevention Sub-Committee members who suggested the titles for the Falls Prevention Conference tracks will provide Ms. De Lisa with the corresponding music for those tracks.
- The Informal Caregiving Sub-Committee members will identify "table facilitators" and "organizational leaders" for the Caregiving Pre-conference intensive session during the April 24, 2008 teleconference based planning meeting.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned by Committee Chair Doyle Meredith at 3:40 p.m.

**Next Meeting:**

The next Social, Health & Alzheimer's Committee meeting will be July 10, 2008 at 2:30 p.m. in the State Executive Tower, Grand Canyon Conference Room (Basement). These meetings are open to the public.